

trusted voice in the southeast Michigan education community and a tireless advocate for education professionals. She is known by her colleagues, local teachers and Ann Arbor officials for her kindness, sharp wit and passion for the education professionals within the school district. Although they may sit on different sides of the table, she is well-respected by the 13 superintendents that she has worked with as president of the union. As a result of her leadership efforts, Ann Arbor Public School teachers are consistently recognized for their excellent work. She has had a tremendous impact on the direction of public education in Ann Arbor, and her hard work and expertise will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda Carter for her distinguished career in public education. Ms. Carter has effectively served the city of Ann Arbor and its students through her work with the Ann Arbor Educators Association.

IN RECOGNITION OF SECOND BETHESDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 115TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Second Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrate a remarkable 115 years. The congregation of Second Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate this very significant anniversary with celebratory events from July 9 to July 15 at the church in Albany, Georgia.

Second Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1903 as "New Church" by Reverend Dan Mosley; Deacons Peter Scott, William Jackson, and Frank Murray; and several faithful others.

Over the years, the church has been served by a number of spiritual leaders, each leaving their lasting mark on the church in some form or fashion. These leaders include Reverends Dan Mosley, Elbert Thomas, Dozier Scott, William Boyd, Charles Carr, and Jimmy Ewings, Sr.

The strength of the congregation was tested on July 7, 1994, their 91st anniversary, by the horrific flood that devastated Albany, Georgia. Many of the roads were closed and several members were unable to make it to the church, but by the grace of God, none of the church's members were harmed.

In 2001, Pastor Rance Pettibone, Sr. accepted the pastoral invitation and continues to serve as pastor today. He has overseen many internal changes, including the development of the Mission and Vision statements and several new ministries, renovation of numerous areas in the church, installation of the church's sign, and dedication of the church's New Fellowship and Education Building. He and his family not only serve the church's 150 members, but also work hard to serve the surrounding community through their active and expansive ministries.

The story of Second Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church, which began 115 years ago

as a small group of people walking in the words of Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.", is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the membership of Second Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for serving the community through Him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, I was unable to attend votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 269; YEA on Roll Call No. 270; and NAY on Roll Call No. 271.

RECOGNIZING THE ROCK ISLAND LADY ROCKS FOR WINNING THE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rock Island Softball Team, the Lady Rocks, from Rock Island High School, for earning the Class 4A title for the Illinois State Championship in softball.

The Lady Rocks took first in finals to claim their title as state champions, and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Rock Island throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Rock Island Lady Rocks Softball Team on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

HONORING SALVATORE LUCIANO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to join the family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Salvatore Luciano as he celebrates his retirement, mark-

ing the end of a nearly 50-year career in public service and Connecticut's union movement.

Sal has dedicated a lifetime to Connecticut's working families. Beginning his career in 1980 as a social worker with the Connecticut Department of Children and Youth Services, Sal spent many years working on behalf of some of our most vulnerable children. Investigating cases of abuse and neglect, Sal worked to ensure their safety and protection. It was also at this time that he began his involvement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

First serving as a steward in Local 2663, Sal was elected the chapter's President in 1989 and of AFSCME Council 4 in 1999. In 2001, he left state service when he was appointed Executive Director of Council 4 to fill a vacancy. He would go on to win the election outright in 2002 and has held the position he has served in ever since. Headquartered in New Britain, Connecticut, Council 4 represents 35,000 workers in state and local government as well as the private non-profit sector. Sal has led the fight on behalf of his membership, striving to ensure a fair wage, quality, affordable health benefits, and security in their retirement. Sal has been a vocal and tenacious advocate and his presence at Council 4 will most certainly be missed.

Sal's involvement with Connecticut's Labor movement extends beyond his work at Council 4. He is also the Executive Vice President of the Connecticut AFL-CIO and a member of the International Executive Board of AFSCME. He serves as a Vice President of the United Labor Agency, (AFL-CIO) and is a Board Member of the State of Connecticut Retirement Commission. Sal has dedicated much of himself to improving the quality of life of Connecticut's working family—a legacy that will serve as an inspiration to future labor leaders.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Sal for many years and have always considered myself fortunate to have benefitted from his experience and guidance and to call him my friend. Today, as he celebrates his retirement and begins a new chapter, I am honored to have this opportunity to join family, friends, and colleagues in thanking Salvatore Luciano for his outstanding service to Connecticut and our working families. I wish him all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HANOVER'S 300TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Presbyterian Church of Hanover, located in the Township of East Hanover, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 300th Anniversary.

While the current First Presbyterian Church of Hanover standing today was built in 1835, the earliest record of the church dates back to September 2, 1718. This church has a long, rich history, and was placed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places in 1977.

As the state and country grew, more churches were established in the area, as